

Incorrect understanding of day of 'Eed and extremes of people

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: ... how can we celebrate 'Eed, for example? I remind you, Inshaa'allaah, of the hadeeth of the Abyssinians and the hadeeth of Aaishah when the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) entered the room where she was and there were two girls there who were singing ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (*May Allaah have mercy on him*): Yes, the first thing is that this expression, 'Celebrating 'Eed,' is not an Islaamic one, there is no celebration/festival, and [secondly] this is something which has been added to Islaam—there is only 'Eed' as he (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said to Aboo Bakr in the story which you alluded to [in your question], **"Leave them, O Aboo Bakr! For every nation has an 'Eed and this is our 'Eed."**

So before anything the Muslims concern themselves with performing the 'Eed prayer in the musalla if they are able to, and if not then in the mosque ...

As for those things which are permissible, then they are [the same things which are] permissible in all times and places, only that out of His Extensive Wisdom our Lord (*Mighty and Majestic is He*) allowed the beating of the daff alone, nothing else, during weddings and on the day of 'Eed.

But this doesn't mean that we hold celebrations/festivals as the Europeans do and as we have seen in public squares and general gatherings, where they bring music and horns and the likes, dancing and singing and ... and ... etc., none of that is from Islaam.

This allowance which the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) made is an individual allowance, as you saw or read in the hadeeth of the two girls the Prophet didn't celebrate, Aboo Bakr didn't celebrate, Umar didn't celebrate, if it is that you want to use this word 'celebrate.'

It was only that when a young girl wanted to beat the daff, and the daff alone, nothing else, it was then not allowed for the elders to refuse that. That is what happened, and this is what is endorsed and it is not allowed to refuse that—as for us building lofty mansions and palaces based on that, and celebrations and music and so on, then this is taking it to a level which is not legislated, as agreed upon by the scholars.